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In re Application of:

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Examiner: Einsmann, J.

For: METHOD OF PREPARING A STANDARD DIAGNOSTIC
GENE TRANSCRIPT PATTERNPETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for response after the filing of a Notice of Appeal submitted August 13, 2001, from October 13, 2001, to on or before November 13, 2001.

A check for the statutory fee, in the amount of \$55.00¹ is attached.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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¹ Applicants are entitled to small entity status as evidenced by the Small Entity Status Declaration filed March 29, 2000.